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Mrs. Virginia Aiken.

Mrs. Virginia Aiken, widow of the late Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken, died yesterday in Atlanta. Stricken down with pneumonia the end came suddenly, and her maty friends and relatives were shocked when the news of her death was received. She was well known to the older people of the town, and was universally beloved. In her life was exemplified the best graces and virtues of the highest type of true womanbood.

In her death a good woman has gone to her reward, but the fragrance of her good life, will linger with us as a sweet memory. Death of Mrs. Virginia Aiken.

Escaped Prisoner Caught,

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Chief of Police Riley captured last week Charley Huffstickler, white, an escaped convict from the North Carolina Camps. A man from North Carolina came for him last Monday, but as he had not the \$25, which was reported to be the amount of the reward, Chief Riley refused to surrender him. In communicating with the authorities, it is learned that the Governor of North Carolina had oftered \$50 for the prisoner. And so it is Chief Riley will pick up \$50 by his diligence.

An Old Fashioned Hot Supper. The ladies of the Methodist Church will give an old fashioned "hot supper" in the ball over the Glenn Jones Hardware store next Friday evening. Everyone is cordially invited to comeand partake of the many good things that will be served.

Cabbage Plauts.

Prepare your ground at once for cabbage plants, as I will be receiving them now weekly. Succession and Wakefield are the varieties.

Very Respectfully. Very Respectfully, C. P. Hammond,

Notice. New phones. Please add to your present

sis: Milford & Liddel, store 112, McSweeny's bakery, 111, Rev. Sloans, residence, 123, Oysters and Fish.

When you want oysters and filsh go to Thos. Thomson. I have them always of hard. Telephone 99. Wanted.

School and County claims. G. W. Lomax. Haddon's spring stock now arriving. Hav-ing contracted last fall for a great many spring goods, we will be in a position to make things lively this spring for close cash

MR. J. W. RYKARD has opened again his watch and jewelry repair shop in the mason is building, Graydon's old law office. WANTED.—A good boy to sleep in central office and attend to switch-board, at night. Apply to W. M. Barnwell, manager.

WANTED.—Scrap iron of every description. Highest price paid delivered. J. L. Perrin.

Unclaimed Letters

Letters remaining in post coffee for ending January 2, 1900.

B—Misa Ollie Briskey, Sarah Brown, Bennet, Mary Blackwell, E. L. Barnet, C—Sarah Chiles, G. W. Cannou. E—Bennie Ellis, Miss Lusie Edwards. F—Fannie Fhimon. H—Fletcher Hall, Miss Ellie Hopper, Ben

Aunt. I-Willie Ivory.

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J--Miss Calife Jones.

L--Miss Janie Lenton.

M-J. C. Moore, Taplor Mosely.

P--Geo. Pressley.

R--Winnie Ross.

S--Jane Sproil, Watty Smith.

W--Edd Winn. R.-H. Walker. S. W. Willams.

Robt. S. Link, P. M.

Bruce's Restaurant. Go to Bruce's Restaurant for meals at all Bruce's Restaurant is open for the Fall and Winter trade. Bruce's Restaurant is open day and night knock and the door shall be opened unto you

J. R. Glenn's Locals: Every bbl. Glenn's best petrot flourds bold uder a positive goarante.

Evaporated and died draits butter and Boston beans, peas, pointing, on the steps of the hotel, Mr. By the draining on the steps of the hotel, Mr. By the draining on the steps of the hotel, Mr. Hayne Wanamaker, who lived several years in this city with his uncle Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Knox's easily prepared General Baker's Cocoa and Chacolate, Online and Young the and gave me a most cordial greeting, and I was real glad to see him. In him and hyson teas, the favoring extraction of the steps of the hotel, Mr. L. H. Wanaker, I found friends the hotel, Mr. L. H. Wanaker, I

Mackerel, white fish, ha fast bacon, domestic and imported an cream cheese, &c., at Glefin a.

Glenn has pen extra fine B. P. Roe ens—prize stock at State fair. Eggs i

Visit Smith's Dry Goeds and Millinery when you are out shopping. They always have some specials.

My prescription case is full of the very late est and best medicine that money can but Bring your prescriptions to me and see hus quick you get them filled. C. A. Milford, Phone 107. The Bruggist. Mr. Geo. C. Gambrell has quit flagging reight trains on the Southern railroad and snow flagging customers at C. A. Milford's lrug store.

drug store.

When in need of extracts and fine cologue, remember I have them, also sucht powers, all flavors.

C. A. Milford,
Phone 107.

The Druggist.

at table with them and a charmnily. They are as healthy, as good
w, and as happy as one could wish to
hile I do not know why it was, yet at
me in my life was I so sensibly reminded
be days when I sat around another table
before father and mother, and seven children
sembles for their meals. All were hopeful
and all were happy. Each feit rioh in the
love and affection of all the rest. That famiy was blessed with health and happiness for
twenty eight years, into whose ranks death
had not retentered. The first to receive the
summons to go hence was the second son,
who days were cut short because of an accideat. He was in his young mathood, and his
death equaled his mother. She was never
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The city has three printing offices—one job
office, and two newspaper offices. The newscaper offices are trying to solve a problem
of how to make a profit publishing a dollar
twespaper.

A dollar publication is a good thing for the
people, but we think a local newspaper
makes a mistake when the price is reduced
below a living rate.

In the Times and Democrat book store I When you want your medicine or anything in the drug line delivered promptly, call 107 over the phone and tell them what your wants are, and you will get it at once. I make a specialty of delivering goods promptly. C. A. Milford, The Druggist. Phone 107.

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Tar and Wild Cherry Cough Syrup will stop that backing cough that bothers you during the night. Try a bottle at C. A. Millord's, The Druggist, Phone 107.

L. W. White's Locals.

Buy yourdomestic goods from L. W. White, Buy them while they are cheap. They are certain to be much higher in the near future. We offer a large line of shirting prints at the seme price at which they were sold last the seme price at which they were sold last the seme price at which they were sold last the seme price at which they were sold last the seme price at which they were sold last.

We offer a large line of shirting prints at the same price at which they were sold last year. This is a great concession to buyers. Go to L. W. White's store, and supply all your wants in this line.

An elegant line of Indigo blue, mourning and second mourning prints at L. W. White's.

L. W. White now offers a very large line of percales ranging in price from 6 to 12½ cents par vard. When you consider the width of probabilities. ard. When you consider the width of orcales at 6 cents, they are cheaper than

prints at 5 cents per yard. New goods are arriving every few daps at L. W. White's. Call and see them.

Special attention is called to the immense stock of embroideries now on sale at the store

Don't forget the clothing and gents' furnishing goods department in L. W. White's store! It is very comple's. We have suits of all kinds and at all prices. You are sure to be pleased if you will only call and see what we have to show you.

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Our carpet and matting department has been a great success this season. We have carpets, rugs and mattings to show you. Call series ethem.

You can buy a pair of bed blankets very cheap now from L. W. White.

See that new style of matting now shown by L. W. White. It is a linen matting, is a great novelty and is really worth seeing. It is a great novelty and is really worth seeing. It is a not determine upon some concert of and the feature of the farmers of Abbeville County. At a meeting of the farmers, Alliance of Abbeville County beld at Abbeville, S. C., on the 12th inst., the question of the proposed in the cast of fertilizers by the manufacturers thereof was discussed, and in view of the importance of the county present, it was not beld to be the farmers of Abbeville County. At a meeting of the farmers, Alliance of Abbeville County beld at Abbeville, S. C., on the 12th inst., the question of the proposed in the cast of fertilizers by the manufacturers thereof was discussed, and in view of the importance of the matter and the fact that there were comparatively but a few of the farmers of Abbeville County.

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L. W. White now has on hand a full stock of groceries and provisions. He has recently ieceived a car load each of corn and flour. Bealdes these he has molasses, lard, coffee, sugar, teas, rice, grits, meal, sait, &c., &c.

Bargain Counter.

I have put on the bargain counter for the part two weeks a few 3 lb, can tripe worth I have put on the bargain counter for the next two weeks a few 3 lb, can tripe worth

Jumbo Baked beans with tomatoe sauce worth 10c for 7c 4 for 25.

3 ibs, bariett peas worth 20c for 15c.

Royal and durlear saliad dressing large bottles worth 50c for 35c. Small bottles 25.

Amos B, Morse, I make prescriptions my special work, and look after it closely, fill them quick and deliver them at your homes. C. A. Milford, Phone 107.

IN ORANGEBURG.

the dollar, lostead of the spiendid mill of which we are all so proud.

Help was offered to the Orangeburg people on condition that they would raise their subscription from \$40,000 to\$50,000, but the lacking \$40,000 was not forthcoming, hence the neces-

when Abbeville was in a similar condition the directors and other citizens obligated themselves for the additional amount, which was required. The help from abroad came. Success followed. The Abbeville rail stock has been changing hands at par, with the prospect of a rise.

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Orangeburg has a street railway, whose schedule reminded me of a Virginia editor who started a daily newspaper in a boom town. After a little experience the editor announced that he would print it twice a week. A little later on, when he had had a little more experience, he announced that it would be printed weekly. Finally, at the head of his paper, words like these: "Hereafter I shall print this newspaper whenever I blank pisase." The street car in Orangeburg adopts the latter plan, and runs whenever it blank pisase."

About the most successful man in Orange:

below a living rate.
In the Times and Democrat book store

Good.

Stray Notes of a Hasty Trip, With No Its Fortifications - Its Walls - Its Canals-Its Stone Houses, as Seen Hint as to the Real Purpose of by Mr. George Douglass. the Journey.

And the Journey.

One day last week the editor of the Press and Banner took a run down to the good old town of Orangeburg.
Omitting all mention of the polite conductor Capt. Hughes, I left his train when it stoped in Columbia. The train for Charleston was standing near by, and when it moved off it was well filled with passengers. It was only a little time before I was convinced that there was on aboard an operatic or theatrical there was on aboard an operatic or theatrical there was on aboard an operatic or the stope as Orangeburg. The street car, with electric tem leas motor, was waiting to carry passenges own town. Answering enquiry for the best hotel I was told that the Orangeburg total was the only hotel then open in the place.

At the hotel the theater folk crowded around the office registering their names in the great book of the hostelry. While I was did gentleman with a benevolent look, came up to me and whispered: "Are you one of long."

Having breakfasted at ten o'clock that morning I passed Elley's dinner house at half-past twelve without dining, and hence after having shaken down my breakfast until a six o'clock in the evening I was ready for a square meal.

Beling seated at the table I employed time, while waiting for supper munching some crackers which were in reach. Being myself a crank about eating, the only dishes which were placed before me and suited to my taste. I were a muffin and two scrambled eggs. I called for place it, and the waiting said, in an incompleting the place is a count of the mountains. I were a muffin and two scrambled eggs. I called for place it, and the waiting said, in an incompleting the place is a count of the mountains. I were a muffin and two scrambled eggs. I called for place it, and the waiting said, in an incompleting the place is a count of the mountains. I were a muffin and two scrambled eggs. I called for place it, and the waiting said, in an incompleting the place is the said in an incompleting the place is a specific to the muffin and two scrambled eggs. I cal

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crackers which were in reach. Bling myself a crank about eating, the only dishes which were placed before me and suited to my taste were a muffin and two scrambled eggs. I called for biscuit, and the waitor said, in an enquiring tone of voice: "You mean muffins? We have no biscuits." The extra muffin came in during the source of the evening. After supper, I found the way to the opera house, and at the foot of the steps I saw two men talking. I ventured to ask what kind of an entertainment would take place. The man who was addressed answered only with a stare, as much as to say, we havn't been introduced. But the other man—a policeman—was inclined to be civil, and said he did not know the character of the performance. The name of it is "What Happened to Jones," I was about the first to come, and I had a good chance to see the good looking men and the pretty women of Orangeburg as they came in. Some sprightly little girls—or young ladies—took seats near to where I was sitting. They had a splendid time with each other, with incidental glances at some young men. Their joyousness and their innocent mirth moved to tenderness the heart of old an old bachelor who is generally supposed to lack susceptibility.

After the house had been well filled with good looking people, the funny performance commenced, and the evening was spent course. Mr. T. Q'Liddell, of your city, visited his reconstruction is about to my take taken to the mountains.

The insurrection is about to duty soon. The insurrection is about to my short he adders have been captured, and Aggle has taken to the mountains.

Love to all.

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Welcome Side Lights From a Good Community.

Birth—to Mrs. Pinkney Milford, a son January to Mrs. Mrs. the familier, our popular teacher, has been confined to his bed for more than a week, school being suspended until he recover.

We gladly welcome to our, midst the familier with familier with a con

After the house had been well filled with good looking people, the finny performance commenced, and the evening was spent pleasantly, and the occasion was forgotten in the sleep which followed.

Orangeburg is very much like Abbeville in many respects: For instance: Its houses, as a rule, have an old appearance, with evidence of notable economy in paint, but there are a number of beautiful houses with lovely surroundings.

cos being 6c.

Master's Sale. The State of South Carolin COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Jennie L. Gibert et. al., Plaintiff, against J. Louis Gibert et. al., Defendant-Parsition.

By VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Saleday in FEBRUARY, 1900, within make as many resolutions as you will, the legal hours of sale, the following de- you may put forth effort, and struggle scribed property, situate in said State and and strive, but the sea will still roar, County, to wit; containing

Seventeen [17] Acres,

still.

terrors.

ne cast out.

burg is Mr. Cornelson. In an old vaccant one story house in the rear of his store, he put an old engine and \$,000 new spindles. When he went to enlarge it by adding sheds and machinery he mortgaged it. for \$80,000. Wise people shook their heads, and said that meant the rain of Cornelson. Months before the note was due, he paid the debt.

Blanding on the steps of the hotel, Mr. more or less, bounded by lands of B. E. Gibert, J. A. Leroy and the Porter place. SALE-Cash. Purchaser to pay

> WALTER L. MILLER, Jan. 15, 1900.

> > Don't You___

> > > Sometimes feel uneasy about leaving the fire in your grate, or fear that the children will be burned? Well, just get a wire fender, and hang it on your grate basket, and all your fear will be relieved.

Only 50 Cents.



"Everything in Housefurnishings."

Dissolution of Partnership. THE partnership existing under the name of MILFORD & DUPRE is this day dis

solved by mutual consent.

All debts due the firm must be paid to C. A.

Milford. C. A. MILFORD, F. C. DUPRE.

Try a pair of those Ladies Black Hose at Smith's Dry Goods and Millinery for 10c.

Lord, Help Us to Mature.

In Scripture there is nothing said of a fading and declining time of old age in grace, the fact being that, unlike the natural life, the spiritual life does not conclude in declining strength and inevitable decrepitude, but continues its progress even beyond the grave. We go from strength to strength, not from weakness to weakness. The old age of grace is maturity, not decay: In Scripture there is nothing said of TO FIGHT A TRUST.

from weakness to weakness. The old age of grace is maturity, not decay; an inheritance incorruptiable, undefiled, and that fadeth not away. To you advancement, not decline; perfection, and that fadeth not away. To you not imbecility. In the advanced years of nature we lose many of our faculties. but in advanced grace our spiritual but in advanced grace our spiritual senses are more quick and discerning senses are more quick and discerning than ever. The aged man feels, the mercy with the Lord that he may be than ever. The aged man feels, the than ever. The aged man feels the mercy with the Lord that he may be grasshopper to be a burden, and the feared, and plenteous redemption that clouds return after the rain; but to he may be sought unto. There is not the advanced believer the greatnest in all the wide world a soul that is not loads are light and the rain is over and precious in his eyes. There is not a gone. Old age goes down to death, but ripe grace ascends to everlasting

Lord let me grow ripe, but not rotten; maturing, but not decaying; for Thy glorious sake.

abundant entrance into the evenasting kingdom and joy of your Lord. Are you weary and heavy laden, given up to sin and flattering pleasure? "Turn ye, turn ye, why will ye die?" There is marge and love in the Father's heart

has more power in his silence than another by his words.

What a Thought

"The Book of Heaven."

The Old Story.

cease from troubling and the weary

are at rest. It can make you happy at

your daily toil, happy in your home

How can any rational being refuse

Only take him at his word when he

invites you, and you shall in no wise

O sinner, to you is the word of this

touching story:

Rev. Egerton R. Young, the mis-What a thought it is to the intellisionary to the Indians in the far northgent reflecting mind that at the close of this nineteenth century all the great ern wilderness of British America, tells, in one of his addresses, this nations of the world professing to be is an age of g the followers of Christ and to be look- much stress is la "Often have I been made ashamed of ing forward to and inheritance in the gy in the Lord's, visuame heaven should be struggling to ple of God are continuation of these Indians, and by their love maintain enormous armies and navies to be active und earnest in for the Bible. Let me give you an incident. One of our Indians with his of war for the purpose of killing each son came away down from the distant hunting-grounds to fish on the shore in our highest institutions of learning ger of this age is that we lose sight in our highest institutions of the spiritual life and power that should be the spiritual life and power that should be spiritual life and power of our great lakes. This man and his son came down to fish, and they made the brutal sports—on this November 18th [not in China or Japan or among splendid fisheries, put up the white the Boers of South Africa who are so fish on a staging where the foxes and wolves could not reach them, and one British Empire but here in Massachu- tation, and in which many truly great night the father said: "My son well and the said of the said wolves could not reach them, and one night the father said: "My son, we night the father said: "My son, we setts, in the Christain university city leave to-morrow morning early; put the book of heaven in your pack; we seats sold at high prices to witness a the book of heaven in your pack; we go back one hundred and forty miles gambling prize fight between students to our distant hunting-ground to join of Harvard and Yale, and the Gover-the mother and the others in the wig-nor of New York encouraging the busithe mother and the others in the wig-wam-home." So the young man put ness by saying that if any son of his should weigh broken bones against the his Bible in his pack that they might take it home. Later on, along came an uncleand said to the young man: honor of being one of a foot-ball eleven he would disinherit him], and then Nephew, lend me the book of heaven the almost entire lack of education of that I may read a little; I have loaned the heart in these instutions—their glorification of war-the encouragemine.' So the pack was opened and the Bible was taken out, and the man ment given to the hunting and killing read for a time and then threw the of God's harmless lower creatures for the mere fun of hunting and killing them—[a fun which would be deemed Bible back among the blankets and went out.
"The next morning the father and infamous in Japau.]
Is there to be no change?
Is this old world to roll on foreve

son started very early on their home-ward journey. They strapped on their snow-shoes and walked seventy miles, in this same way and the dawning of peace on earth and good will to men and all God's lower creatures never to dug a hole in the snow at night, where they cooked rabbits, and had prayers and lay down and slept. The next morning, bright and early, after pray-ers, they pushed on and made seventy miles more and reach home. That night the father said to his son: 'Give come? We have faith to believe that the twentieth century will see a great change-that humane education Mr. Archie McCord is running a farm in connection with Mr. Charife Cochran.

Mr. Thornton, a popular young man of Elberton, Ga. yisited his sister, Mrs. Thomas Millord, the first of the week.

We are surry to learn of the sickness of Mr. David Nickles.

Mr. T. C. Liddell, of your city. of all civilized nations, and war and savagery will gradually vanish and an age of peace and good-will will eventually come. In the meantime we propose while our earthly life lasts to do all in our Nickles.

Of Liddell, of your city, visited his morning he rose early, put a few cooklectwood Crowther has beautified his ed rabbits in his pack, and away he started. He walked that day seventy Mr. Fleetwood Crowter as one by putting up a nide fence.

On last Wednesday night a thief entered miles and reached the camp where he he black-smith shop of Mr. George Milford, and carried away with him the anvil instead fore. The next day he had made the fore. The next day he had made the "You Gave us Nothing." One Sunday morning as a young

There is but one way to true and al happiness, and that is to receive you a question or two?" The old man gave a look of assent,

and the preacher said to him: and obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus "May I ask whether, before coming Christ. Our unfailing remedy must be the balm of Gilead, and our constant friend and helper the great Physician to church this morning, you asked God's blessing on behalf of all miniswho is there. We must seek no other source of relief, for none other will be ters of his word this morning, and among them on behalf of the one you of any avail, but draw our draughts might hear?" The man hesitated, but at length restraight from the fountain head, the

fountain open for sin and uncleaness. No matter what the besetting sin may anybody to come with you."
"No," he said, "I did not. I came

and the storm will rave until the voice of Christ himself shall cry, "Peace be And so with the overcoming of every evil inclination and of every be-

Christ crucified, and in his strength, you can say, "Get thee behind me, The man did not reply very prompt-Satan!" can you gain any substantial ly or willingly; but he had victory. Philanthropists who dream that he was doing nothing. ly or willingly; but he had to confess

of lifting up their fellow-men from sin "Then," said the preacher, "excuse and leading them to happiness and peace, will find all efforts fall, unless they point them to the cross, and to him who was crucified upon it, as "the way, the truth, and the life." There way, the truth and the life." There is nothing for the circum but the real peace, "Then," said the preacher, "excuse me if I tell you I am not suprised to hear you say you found nothing to interest you in the service this morning."

The writer of this is a minister, and

is nothing for the sinner but the gos-pel—the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that of the services of which they form a God unto salvation to every one that believeth—no matter what may be his guilt, no matter what the depth of his staips, or the crimson dyes that tarnish his conscience and blacken his soul.

And this gospel can do everything for a sinner. It can change the brute for a sinner. It can change the brute or his subject may not have opened into a brother, the fiend into a father, out before him as he hoped and expectyour earthly house in order, and can secure for you a glorious freehold in that better country where the middle services for anybody that better country where the wicked

services for anybody.

But is it always the minister's fault when his hearers find he has "given them nothing?"

A Converted Growler.

happy in yourself. It can prepare you for life, with all its cares and trails, and fit you for death with all its years he has been one of the For greatest growlers and kickers in the to accept such a gospel as this, offered so freely, without money and without price? Will you believe on the Lord city. No one ever heard him enthuse over his mercies, but he could put up the longest and loudest howl upon the Jesus Christ and be saved? Not a single soul is excluded from his mercy slightest provocation. The other day the frisky youngsters at the dinner table upset a cup of hot coffee into the if they will but come to him. And there is no one that cannot come to growler's lap. He sprang back, and used his nankin vigorously. All memhim if he will. The invitation is to all -to whosoever will; and with the inbers of the family stampeded and disvitation comes needed grace to avail yourself of it. The heart of Christ is appeared through convenient doors, except the wife. "Too had, John," she said tremullarge enough to embrace all. Never distrust the mercy of the Saviour.

ous'v; "does it burn yet?" "It's nothing," he replied. "The children back, dear."

But he had to attend to that, for she was speechless with suprise. The children came in pale, shrinking, and expectant, but the father soon had the divine method. This is to over-them laughing nervously. They could come. Falsehood will flee the face of not comprehend.

That night he had neuralgis. Inthe afflicted member on a not water sorcery of love.

When he stepped on a tack the next morning and did not relieve his feelings by arousing the whole neighborhood, his better half could restrain her enriosity no longer. "Have you joined the Church, John?" she inquired timidly.
"No, little one, business took me t

Accept, then, the offers which a Heavenly Father makes to you of an the hospital the other day, and I learned what genuine suffering means. I've been a regular old grizzly bear." abundant entrance into the everlasting

wayfarers, who have proved the hol- of the stove for five minutes to settle lowness of human sympathy, never dis- When it is poured out over the cream trust the love of him who loved you and sugar, it ought to be as clear as old wine.

age do hour of m the spiritual life and power that should be behind all work. Too much attention is given to external agencies, and had be tation, and in which many truly great dormant life souls have gathered strength for the duties of life. Much of our so-called Church work is only mechanical, the work of men and women who do it, not out of a sense of duty and love, but because they are told to do it, and wish to appear as workmen in the Lord's cause. There is too much of this soul-less, lifeless work. We do not complain of too much work, for in the cause of Christ there can hardly be too much activity. It is natural that when men have found Christ they desire to bring others to the same kind Friend. thus the kingdom is extended. 'But what we need more especially is workers who, in the quiet hour, have stored up force to make their work of great

effect.
In past ages men went to the other extreme, and more stress was laid upon meditation than upon work.
Hence men shut themselves in caves
and cloisters, spending their time in
silent thought while souls were being lost. We do not find fault with the change—that humane education will meditation, but we do complain of the be carried into the colleges and schools waste of energy in not doing the will of God, who wants laborers. these men sat in their cells the harves

was going to waste. What a mighty power the Church of Christ would set in array against the evil one were very individual member strengthened and fortified by silent meditation. Few persons have an idea of the importance and value of only a few moments spent in quiet meditation and communion with him who supplies all strength. The Christ

replied the young minister; "you with hands and hearts. Fellow-labor- de Candolle's own experiments seeds were mean that you did not enjoy the ser- er, do not forget the quiet hour: It subjected once a day for 118 days to a temwill be to you a fountain of strength, perature of 878 to 588 below zero, for 8 to and you will arise from it with the vice. But will you allow me to ask will be to you a fountain of strength, power needed for your work.

The Man the Printer Loves.

There is a man the printer loves, and he is wondrous wise; when'er he writes the printer man he dotteth all his i's. And when he's dotted all of "I should like to ask again," said the preacher, "whether, as you came to church this morning, you asked anybody to come with you."

I should like to ask again," said punctuates each paragraph, and crosses all his t's. Upon one side alone he writes, never rolls his leaves; and from the man of ink a smile the mark the man of ink a smile the mark the man of the m them with carefulness and ease, he the man of ink a smile the mark tion will not begin until the surrounding "insert," receives. And when the conditions are right. In the explosive "No," he said, "I did not. I came question he doth ask—taught wisely these are conditions of dryness, temperature that the said t straight from home to church without saying a word to anybody."

"May I ask," you said the young man, "just another question. Are you engaged in any useful Christian work—teaching in the Sunday-school, for instance or anything also by which the runneth reads. He writes—the arcticles of dryness, temperature, etc., just as they are with the seed.

A seed, then, is a little bemb, only waiting to be touched off to release its store of energy and send out a discharge in the shape of a sprout. M. de Candolle resetting sin. Not until in the name of Christ crucified, and in his strength, men may be brought to Christ?"

—teaching in the sunday-school, for so that he runneth reads. He writes, marks on this as follows: so that he runneth reads. He writes, marks on this as follows: revises, reads, corrects, andre-writes all revises, reads, corrects, andre-writes all revises, reads, corrects, andre-writes all revises, reads, corrects, and revises and revises and revises are revised and revises and revises are revised at the runneth reads. sends one to the the printer man. And thus by taking little pains, at the only way of explaining the preserva-And thus by taking little pains, at the only way of explaining the preserved trifling care and cost, assures himself this manuscript will not be burned or years. Cases are known where they have lost. And so he speaks through all the land, and thousands hear his word and in the coming day shall know

So let all those who long to write take pattern by this man; with jet black ink and paper white, do just the best they can; and then the printer man shall know and then the printer man shall know and then the printer man shall know and the state of the same and the state of the same and the man shall know, and bless them as his friends, all through life's journey as

they go, until the journey ends.

Overcoming Evil With Good.

A spiritual conquest is inevitable with its serried forces is in the field, aggressive, defiant, eager for conflict. Offenses will come; they cannot be prevented. There is but one alternative: We must either overcome or

be overcome.

How shall we treat the foe? Vindictively? Requite evil with evil, breach for breach, wrong for wrong Then shall we crown evil a certain victor. Revenge brings a man down to the level of his enemy. "He who will fight the devil with his own weapons seeds can preserve their power of sprouting. must not wonder if he finds him an over match." You may fight fire with fire, but to oppose evil with evil is but to treble the mischief. He who offers the first injury makes a beginning of evil, but he who retaliates renders the

evil most uncontrollable. Shall the evil be met simply with contempt of indifference? To merely refrain from requiting evil with evil is apparently neither to conquer nor to be conquered, but in reality to be thus "It's nothing," he replied. "The passive is also to be conquered. A appearance on a piece of land from which clothing absorbed most of it. Call the truce means nothing else than a victory for evil.

Shall we meet evil with good. Optruth. The most obdurate foe wil yield to kindness. Persistent friendlistead of storming about he held his ness subdues the most injurious. The head quietly while his wife applied heart of adamant is melted and the gest. remedies talked cheerfully until bed-most malignant enemy transformed time, and then retired to rest with into an abiding friend by the "blessed

My Redeemer Liveth.

Let none doubt, however weak and living and sorrow, who have a Redeemer, sympathizing with them in heaven, interceding for them with the Father, and ready to impart all power, even His own almighty and divine Spirit, to those who trust His

The Star of Bethlehem is still shining. How many can we help to see that star during the holidays?

seemed were proved to there was a general t all of a similar kind. seems established that seed der proper conditions, a great n perhaps for centuries, and when sider that under these circumstan protoplasm within the seed actually mai tains its vitality, this fact is very significant. On the question of how seeds accomplish this, much light has been thrown

his article are as follows: "Seeds that have retained their germinating power are said to possess 'latent life.' This expression lacks precision, for we may ask whether the life of the seeds is completely arrested or if it is only retarded, and the enswers would not be the same in all cases.

by recent experiments of C. de Candolle.

the French botanist, which he describes in

Le Revue Scientifique. Some parts of

"We owe to Messrs. Van Tieghem and Bounier the following experiment, which proves that seeds can, in fact, live for a certain time this retarded life. Three lots of the same number of peas and beens were placed, the first in the open air, the second in a sealed glass tube containing ordinary air, the third in a sealed sube containing only pure carbonic acid gas. At the end of two years the seeds of the first lot had sensibly increased in weight. and nearly all had retained their germinating power. Those preserved in the confined air had increased less in weight and germinated in less number than the preceding. Moreover, the air contained in the tube with them had changed in com-position. Its proportion of oxygen had

as a rule, have an oid appearance, with evidence of notable economy in pains, hat there are a number of beautiful hooses with not hoose with this harsh treatment, they sprouted when planted. If the life of the seeds, however, were really suspended they must be able to live out of contact with air for a certain time. In order to see whether they could do this, M. de Candolle kept seeds under mercury from one to three months with-

out killing them. In this state of suspended life a seed is

"This state of chemical and vital inertia germinated after a period so long that it is impossible to believe that they have continued in life, properly speaking, in

"Girardin heans sprout that had lain in the storehouse of Tournefort

more than 100 years. "In 1850 Robert Brown sowed, from curiosity, some seeds from the collection of Sir Hans Sloane, where they had remained for more than 150 years. He succeeded in making several germinate, in particular one of Nelumbium speciosum (a water lily), of which the plan has been preserved in the British museum, where I

"The alleged germination of mummy wheat is, as is now generally known, but a baseless fable. It appears, besides, that the wheat was always sterilized before becluded all possibility of its growth. But seeds can preserve their power of sprouting after an extremely prolonged sojourn beneath the earth—that is to say, in shelter from atmospheric influences.

"The most extraordinary case of this kind is that observed several years since by Professor De Heldreich, director of the Botanic garden at Athens. While botan-izing in the neighborhood of the mines of Laurium this savant discovered, in 1878, a glaucium that he took at once to be a new species, and he described it under the name of glaucium. This plant made its rubbish coming from the ancient working Shall we meet evil with good. Op-pose error with truth, hatred with love, enmity with goodwill? This is Unless we believe in spontaneous genera-

tion, it seems necessary to suppose that this glaucium must be a species that existed long ago in the locality, whose seeds had been preserved in the earth and rub-

A Bishop Defends Tobacco

Another stalwart defender of the habit of smoking is the bishop of Manchester. He has publicly stated that he has found tobacco to act a useful part in enabling him to discharge his ministerial duties. When he was roughing it in the wilds of erring they may be, the security of their souls and the comfort of their hearts amidst all trial and temptation met there, and he found that, as they sat together puffing away, their hearts opened unto one another as they never would have done if there had been no smoke to stir them.-Westminster Gazette.

He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war.

A. F. Calvert, President County Alliance.

A man who lives right, and is right,

soul that Jesus did not die to save.

and gave himself for you.